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U.S. Patent No. 5,920,425 is an English language counterpart to DE 196 40 352 A1;

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U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0160777 A1 is an English language counterpart to DE 100 31 719 A1;

U.S. Patent No. 6,583,937 B1 is an English language counterpart to DE 100 40 898 A1; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,989,367 B2 is an English language counterpart to EP 1 164 403 A1.

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